

## Quilt Encounter 2023 Raffle Quilt

***“Wheels of Life”* won by Sue Vernari**

Made by the Quilt Encounter Committee. Quilted by Chris Mimidas.





Hello everyone!

I hope that you are all enjoying this wonderful spring weather, and from what I'm hearing many of you have caught the spring cleaning bug with sewing rooms being the main focus. The down side to this is the unearthing of UFOs not seen since the last spring clean, at which time we had good intentions of finishing.

By the time you read this, Quilt Encounter will be over for another year. As always it was a bundle of fun from start to finish. Our sincere thanks go to the hard working and dedicated QE Committee - you were awesome. The calibre of tutors was outstanding. Judy Coates Perez was our guest speaker at our last SAQ meeting and her entertaining presentation was very much enjoyed by everyone present. Jemima Flendt was our guest Trunk Show presenter at the end of Quilt Encounter and again we were entertained by an enthusiastic and creative quilter.

Another thank you and goodbye is to Cathy and Dave at Adelaide Sewing Centre, who are heading into a well deserved retirement. ASC has been our go-to shop for machine quilting supplies for many years. They have also been a shop at Quilt Encounter. A great many of us honed our machine quilting skills there with daughter, Heather, and Cathy has inspired many of us with her bag making and machine embroidery skills. Dave, I'm sure, has lost count of the thousands of our machines that he has serviced over the years. We wish them both all the best. Congratulations too to Heather for her recent acknowledgement as a Handi Quilter Australia Ambassador. I hope you enjoy this edition of I-Patch. Rhoda Ryan is our new editor and we welcome her to the Communication Team.

As always, we love hearing from our groups so please do consider letting us know what's happening in your part of the quilting world.

**Chris, acting President in Heather's absence**  
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# Festival of Quilts 2024

## “Ruby Red”

**5-7th July 2024 at the Royal Adelaide Showground  
in conjunction with CraftAlive**

This new category will replace the Challenge.

### Red and White

- ♦ May be any style of quilt
- ♦ Any Size, but no side larger than 290cm
- ♦ Must be purely red and white patterned or plain fabrics, no other colours

Note: It is recommended that **All** red fabrics be prewashed.

Start creating now and enter early -

**Remember, you have to be in it, to win it!**

The SA Quilters Library has two copies of the Red and White quilting book available to borrow or Lincraft have some copies on sale for \$6 each should you prefer to purchase one.



#### Welcome new members:

Kate Climpson, Carmel Wauchope, Charlotte De Fazio, Caroline Chapman,  
Sonya Mahoney, Janice Harvey, Tracey Wirihana.

### SA QUILTERS - MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, 5th October 2023**

**Doors open at 7.15pm for an 8.00pm start**

<b>Welcome address:</b>	President Heather Ford
<b>Guest Speaker:</b>	The Changing Faces of Jackie Harris
<b>Shop:</b>	Melann's Fabric and Sewing Centre – Web Site: <a href="http://Melann's">Melann's</a>
<b>Community Quilt:</b>	Gawler Quilting Circle
<b>Fat Quarter Raffle:</b>	Children's prints
<b>Show and Tell:</b>	Children's Quilts
<b>Library:</b>	Open for borrows and returns

**Kitchen open for tea and coffee. Please bring a clean cup.**

# Featured Quilter - Mardi Robson

## My Quilting Journey.

It all began in 1979, well I attempted patchwork and not many of the seams matched!! So, I thought this is not for me. We moved back to Canberra and I continued to try without much success.

In 1983 I thought I'll give patchwork another try and I enrolled in a basic course at TAFE. The tutor was lovely and we learnt all about patchwork, or so I thought; we did quilt as you go by hand using lovely bouncy batting, not fun.

Work and family put patchwork on the back burner for a while, although I did make a single bed quilt top with very wide sashing strips. It's still a top and I hope to quilt it this year or next year!

We moved to Adelaide in 1989 and moved to the hills, living in Upper Sturt was a huge learning curve for us all, we made great friends and loved the bush.

I still had a desire to make quilts and I was lucky enough to join the Piccadilly Patchwork group that had just started up. This was a wonderful group of liked minded quilters all helping each other along the quilting journey.



We moved again (we tended to do this a bit), this time to Glenalta and I joined briefly Stitches in the Hills and then Coro Quilters. Again, another house move this time to Flagstaff Hill and a new group, Marion Quilters Circle where I met some of the most talented quilters. A fabulous fun group and my enthusiasm for all things quilting continued. I even entered a quilt in the Festival of Quilts and was lucky enough to win a second prize for Small Amateur, any technique. Wow, I ever so happy; gobsmacked actually.

Finally, another move, "last one" I hope. We built a house on Hindmarsh Island in the Marina. A few changes to the plans gave me a fairly large quilting room and my husband an extra garage for his passion for motor bikes.

A new group, this time the Pt Elliot Patchworker's and I have been there for 14 years. A wonderful diverse group of quilters that has helped me along my pathway.

Visit the SA Quilter YouTube Channel to see Cindy and Jane's visit with Mardi [here](#).

**Mardi Robson**





# 2023 Royal Adelaide Show

## Junior Textile Winner

SA Quilters Vice President, Julie Symons, presented the 2023 Royal Adelaide Show Junior textile winner Mia Stevens with her ribbon and her prize sponsored by SA Quilters.

The category was sponsored by SA Quilters.

Mia is following in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother who are quilters. Mia hand stitched the hexies and pieced the quilt which was then quilted by her grandmother on her long arm machine



## SA Quilters visit the West Lakes Lifestyle Village during the 2023 Royal Adelaide Show week

SA Quilters were invited to visit the West Lakes Lifestyle Village during the 2023 Royal Adelaide Show week.

Chris, Cindy and Kathy spent the morning with several of the residents talking about quilting and giving them a mini trunk show.

It was a great opportunity to give a little Royal Show to the residents who could not go to the "real" show.

Chris had also left a number of quilts with Steve Moroney, the organiser, who was going to gather the residents together next week so that they could each choose a colourful quilt for their bed.

Our sincere thanks to the generosity of members of SA Quilters groups for donating the quilts to put a smile on the faces of the Lifestyle Village residents.

You can see a video of the visit on the SA Quilters YouTube channel [here](#).

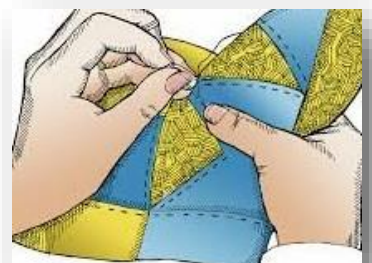


### HELP Wanted:

#### Are you a left handed, hand quilter?

One of our members, who loves to hand quilt, is increasingly losing the use of her right hand. She wonders if a left handed fellow hand quilter would be prepared to mentor her in developing skills in quilting with her left hand.

If you are in a position to help, please could you contact us at [saquilters@gmail.com](mailto:saquilters@gmail.com) and we will put you both in touch with each other.



In this video, Margaret and Chris share some tips for binding -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lzFCWcE2ULY>

# Sarah's Story - Life's a Patchwork

## My latest chat with Medicare:

Me: *I'd like to submit this medical expense claim form. Please.*

Medicare: *I'm sorry Sarah, this is not an eligible health care provider.*

Me: *Of course, it is. I paid my money. I went along and I started to feel happier, connected, valued, and encouraged. If you ask me SA Quilters and Ros Wyatt should be a legitimate claim.*



Okay, this narrative is a little far-fetched... but maybe it shouldn't be.

For close to 30 years, I have lived with a diagnosis of major depression sitting on my shoulder. In fact, it's been my filter for all those years. I was described as high functioning; people would see me laughing and wonder why I had been telling people that I was feeling down and unable to face the world. My days pretty much consisted of dragging myself out of bed and going to work maybe 3 days out of 5 or staying under the covers and hiding/sleeping for days. Suffice to say, I'm not the only one who battles poor mental health and there are definitely, many who have to battle with more complex and debilitating issues. My life is relatively easy, however for some reason I just don't manage it very well and I don't know why. Embarrassingly, I have a degree in Counselling, but this has somehow failed to have much of an impact on me.

That was until I met Ros Wyatt.

At the beginning of 2023 my friend Jan and I decided to join SA Quilters and started going to the monthly meetings. In I-Patch I noticed an advert for a Free Motion Quilting workshop and decided to enrol. I don't usually sign up for things or make plans to go anywhere because I'm so unreliable at turning up. Often, I don't have the energy and would rather stay at home and hide away but I did sign up for this one. A few days before the class I emailed Ros, the workshop co-ordinator, who I'd never met or spoken to before and told her I needed to pull out of the class. I usually don't explain why I won't be at things but felt that Ros deserved an explanation as I felt it was unfair to promise to be there and just not turn up. So, I told Ros that I had been particularly unwell for several weeks and couldn't do the prep work and didn't have the energy to concentrate on a class all day. Ros got back to me straight away in such a kind way and here is her response (printed with her permission):

*Oh, Sarah I am so sorry - please re-consider - maybe this is just what you need - to be around people who will be there for you. I fully understand the situation you are in and I know it can be very difficult - just know if you change your mind we can help you with the preparation etc. If you would like to come and join in being an "Angel " with me making cups of tea etc - you can then just listen to what Chris says. Just take care of yourself - if you want to come along just let me know.*

*Warm regards,*

**Ros**

I did go and help out for a short time and surprisingly enjoyed it. Then I started going to Sit and Sew and met more fabulous people and started to look forward to going again. Ros asked me to help out at another workshop and this time I stayed for the day.

Has SA Quilters healed my Mental Health Issues? No! Do I still need my medications and regular counselling sessions? Yes! Has this first experience with this group made a difference? You bet!

I actually look forward to any of the gatherings and enjoy it when I'm there. This is a totally new experience for me and has taken a little while to process but I am grateful to Ros and the other quilters who have made a huge impact in my journey and helped me to see life differently. I'm also grateful for my friend Jan who has supported me over the years.



Sarah with Faye



Sarah and Jan



Sarah at Sit and Sew

**Sarah Addis**



# BRIDGE PATCHES and QUILTERS EXHIBITION

## “EMERGENCE”

As we came out of the life of restrictions it was time for us to have an exhibition on July 22<sup>nd</sup> to 23<sup>rd</sup>, hence the name, EMERGENCE. We formed a committee of seven people who meet together every month. Sue Job and Sally Grey in charge of the kitchen, organizing the raffle and publicity, Deb Nulty in charge of the finances and printing the paperwork, Coral Shutz in charge of the trading table, Jan Watts donating quilts and cushions for the raffle as well as setting up a shop, Jane Shaw as our artistic advisor and assistant on the show days. Thanks to all these members for the effort that was put into organizing and presenting the show. The members who assisted along the way by showing quilts, placing their names on the roster, husbands who transported stands and set up the hall, and anyone who donated goods to the trading table, many thanks, all of this contributed to a very successful show.

There was a steady stream of people through the door on both days, local people and those from other parts of South Australia, enjoying our quilts and the food that was available. It was wonderful to see so many people meeting up and chatting with each other. We had a visit from three members of the S.A. Quilt Guild and life members of our group who came to enjoy the show.

The venue, John Dohler Hall at Christ Church Lutheran Church, turned out to be good. A large space, plenty of parking as well as being on a busy Swanport rd. Thankyou to the Quilt Guild for the \$500.00 grant which covered the hire of the hall.

The proceeds from the show were to be put towards the purchase of a sozo machine which can be used to treat lymphedema, sometimes a result of breast cancer treatment. This machine, when purchased, will remain in Murray Bridge for use in the local area. The \$3,025.05 that we raised will be donated to the Sunshine Ladies, the group who are volunteers at the Murray Bridge War Memorial hospital to put with their funds towards the purchase of the sozo machine.

**Erica Hammond, Convenor**



# News from Inman Quilters

Here we are, hopefully over the worst of the winter weather and all looking forward to some sunshine in our days.

July 18<sup>th</sup> was our AGM at which the committee for the next 12 months was elected. Outgoing President Sue McFarlane thanked her committee and all members for a very enjoyable year which included our very successful Exhibition held in March.

Incoming President Beth Willson thanked the out-going committee and all members of the Committee for 2023/24 for their participation and commitment.

On the 31<sup>st</sup> July, together with visitors from other groups, four ladies from Inman Quilters attended the McLaren Vale Soup Day. And what a lovely day it was. The ladies at McLaren Vale had prepared a “small sit’n’sew” project for those attending. Using men’s silk ties, they had prepared kits ready for piecing into a Spectacles Case. Very clever! Particularly the “extra pocket” which could be used for pens. A very enjoyable day and a big ‘THANK YOU’ to McLaren Vale Patch workers.

Post Exhibition we continue to work on our Gifting Quilts. One of our members Sue McKay has been busy making quilts for “Laklinyeri” Beach House which is a holiday home at Encounter Lakes, for children who have complex medical needs or who are in palliative care, and their families to enjoy some holiday time.

Over the last 12 months, as a group, we have gifted a total of 61 quilts throughout the Community i.e., RAH Oncology, Junction Services Goolwa, 5CY Yankalilla and to local families.

Inman Quilters meet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of each month at the Inman Valley Memorial Hall, 1713 Inman Valley Road 10.30am to 2.00pm. If you happen to be in the vicinity, you are very welcome to drop in for a cuppa and a bit of a chat. You will be made most welcome.

**Margaret Houston**  
**Publicity Officer**



(L to R) Pat Shipley Treasurer, Helen Schofield Vice President  
Beth Willson President, Glenda Trigg Secretary



Two of the quilts gifted to “Laklinyeri” Beach House

## Looking for a quilting group in your area

You will find a full list of contact details all SA Quilters member groups in location order on the SA Quilters web site at:

<https://www.saquilters.org.au/member-groups/>

## Looking for a quilt shop in your area

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# GAWLER QUILTING CIRCLE INC – TEXTILE ART WEEKEND 2023

14th and 15th October

The Gawler Quilting Circle (GQC) is once again busy preparing for our quilt exhibition as part of the 13<sup>th</sup> Gawler Textile Art weekend which is a biannual event. This event, coordinated by The GQC committee, includes 6 groups exhibiting their crafts and talents to members of the public from 10am until 4pm on Saturday the 14<sup>th</sup> and Sunday the 15<sup>th</sup> of October at various locations in Gawler.

The groups include the SACWA, Kornacraft Sewing Centre, The Embroiderers, the Zion Quilters and textile group “Inspired by Plonk”. The GQC’s quilting exhibition is again being held at the Gawler and Barossa Jockey Club on Barnet Road, Evans-ton.

Our exhibition theme “Spring into Quilts” will include over 100 quilts. Members have been very busy getting their quilts completed and ready for display. The quilts are a delight to see and are varied in their designs and colours. On display will be our BMT fundraiser workshop quilts made using the same 3-yard quilt pattern incorporating mystery floral fabrics. Our Challenge theme is always a point of interest with this year’s challenge no exception. Members have been given a piece of green fabric that must be used within their entry that depicts flowers to complement this year’s theme.

In past years we have welcomed hundreds of people to view the exhibition and enjoy some retail therapy. We have received great support from many quilting groups within our state and look forward to seeing you all again at this year’s TAW.

This year we have 3 shops at our venue: The Quilting Room, Quilters Quarters and The Stitch Saloon, all will have a fabulous range of products available to tempt you.

“The Potting Shed” café will be open for light refreshments with freshly made sandwiches, scones and other sweet treats. Refreshments are also available at the Zion Quilters and the SACWA’s exhibitions.

Each year the GQC raises money for local charities via its raffles and trading table. This year’s charities are “Fred’s Van” and the Concordia CFS. 1<sup>st</sup> Prize in the major raffle is a QS quilt “Spring Tulips”. 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize is a Brother NS15 sewing machine kindly donated by Kornacraft Sewing Centre.

The entry fee for the GQC’s exhibition is \$5, entry fee varies at the other venues.

There will be a loyalty card available to encourage you to visit each venue. Fully stamped cards will go into a draw for the chance to win a lovely gift basket of quilting goodies.

Our group is excited and working hard to make sure that this year’s exhibition is a success and we very much look forward to welcoming you to the 13<sup>th</sup> Gawler Textile Art Weekend.

Sonia Holton – President

Gawler Quilting Circle Inc



– SA Quilters Sit and Sew Group

**Where:** Vermont Uniting Church, 576 Cross Road, South Plympton

**Date:** Second and Fourth Wednesday of every month

**Time:** 10am to 3pm

**Cost:** \$10 for members, \$20 for affiliate members and \$30 for non-Guild members.

BYO lunch and morning tea to share. Tea, coffee and milk will be provided.



# QUILT ENCOUNTER 2023

## List of Sponsors

Below is a list of all our generous sponsors for this year's Quilt Encounter. Please take a moment to thank our sponsors for their support of Quilt Encounter. Without them Quilt Encounter would not be the success that it is.

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# SAVE MY BLEEDING QUILT!

## How to Properly Remove Excess Dye From A Quilt (and prewash fabric to prevent the problem)

by Vicki Welsh

There's nothing worse for a quilter than washing our quilt for the first time, pulling it out of the washing machine and finding out that one of the fabrics has run and ruined your quilt. It happens with both hand dyed and commercial fabrics. Dyeing processes vary so much and different colors of dyes react differently on different fabrics so it's really impossible for a fabric manufacturer to make all fabric perfectly colorfast.....just think about how much our clothes run in the wash.

As a fabric dyer I have spent many hours testing washing processes to make my fabrics as colorfast as possible. My quilts use both hand dyed and commercial fabrics. As a result I have developed the following guidelines for getting excess dye out of your quilt and for pre-washing fabric.

Even if your quilt has already been washed and dried, you can still do this process to remove excess dye but it's best if this is the process that you use for the first wash. I can't totally guarantee it will work 100% but this will give you the best chance for success.

**It's important to have a large volume of water for the quilt to soak in.** I use my bathtub. There isn't enough water or room for the quilt in the washing machine. The quilt needs to be loose in the water. The water holds the excess dye so the more water the better.

**Start filling the tub with hot water.** It doesn't have to be boiling but the hotter the better. I have the hot water heater in my house set to 140F so it's quite hot coming out of the tap. If your water isn't very hot you can add some pots of boiling water. The truth is that time is more important than heat but the heat does help the process along.

**Add soap and the quilt.** For a large quilt I will use as much as a half cup of soap. The soap is what keeps the dye particles from re-adhering to your quilt so don't be stingy. My preference is Dawn Dish detergent. Any of the Dawn brands will work but I've only tested Dawn Pure Essentials. I have used a Free & Clear type laundry detergent with success. Avoid using any detergent with fragrances or additives. The additives can have chemical structures that cause particles to adhere to your quilt or additives that may fade fabric. I have only tested unscented products. Do not use Dharma Textile Detergent or Retayne especially if you have any commercial fabrics in your quilt. My testing has proven that these detergents do not behave well with some commercial fabrics and it's impossible to tell which fabrics will have problems. Dharma Textile Detergent can cause back staining on some fabrics. Retayne is for a completely different use. Do not ever use it unless you are very familiar with the product. Once the tub is about half full with water you can add the quilt.

**You need gloves but not dye catching sheets.** For this quilt I did use some dye catching sheets but subsequent testing proved that they are totally unnecessary. You can use 1 just to see how much dye is being released but otherwise they are not needed. You will need some heavy duty gloves to protect your hands from the heat. I have 2 sets of these gloves, one inside of the other, to insulate my hands from the hot water.



**While the tub is filling agitate and move the quilt in the water.** The quilt should have plenty of room to move around in the water and it needs to be agitated for a while. I'll agitate it while it's filling and for another 5 or 10 minutes after the tub is full. If the water gets VERY dark right away let it soak (agitating every 10 minutes or so) for an hour and then drain the water and start over.

**Make sure the entire quilt is under water and let the quilt soak for 12 hours.** I use plastic bin lids and containers of water to weight the quilt and make sure it stays under water. If any part of the quilt sticks above the water dye will stick to the quilt at the water line. You can see the dye catching sheet in the water but it's really not necessary. The important thing is time. I've found that there is a point in the soak where the fabric seems to "burp" and release the rest of the dye. That can happen between 3 and 12 hours. Blue is the most difficult dye to get out (especially turquoise blues) and red is the most likely to stain the quilt. The soap is what keeps the dye particles suspended in the water.





**Repeat until the water is clear.** If there is color in the water after 12 hours repeat the entire process until the water remains clear for at least 6 hours. I do not add a lot of soap to each subsequent soak. I make a judgement call on each soak to determine how much I need. In this wash I knew that most of the dye was gone so I did not add more soap. There was soap still in the quilt and that was plenty.

**Carefully drain and remove the quilt.** You can rinse it either in the tub with cold water or in the washing machine.



I can't promise that this will work 100% of the time because different fabrics react differently but this has worked for me consistently with *commercial and hand dyed cotton fabrics*. Test on swatches of fabric if you are unsure or are using different fiber content fabrics. The quilt in the photos is one that I knew would run and that's why I chose it for testing the process. If you have different results and want to discuss them please contact me at [vickiwelsh.com](http://vickiwelsh.com).

**For new fabric I do this process in the washing machine.** I tested it by running a new batch of fabric through a wash cycle with a dye catching sheet. After a normal wash cycle in hot water the dye sheet was clean. Next I soaked the same fabric for 12 hours using the process above. After 12 hours the dye catching sheet was very dark! At some point in the soak the fabric released the excess dye. That dye would have eventually released onto my quilt. Maybe not in the first wash, but eventually. Better safe than sorry.

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**This article may be of interest to those of you who are intending to enter the new Category a the 2024 Festival of Quilts— Details on Page 3**

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# SA Quilters Meeting Notes

Thursday  
7 Sept 2023

Chris O'Brien managed the meeting in Heather's absence and welcomed 106 members and visitors.

## Sub-Committee Reports:

- Ros gave a brief review of the first day of the recent Sue Knuckey Sampler Quilt workshop. Participants had fun and are looking forward to day two planned for 30 September 2023.
- Sue told us about the progress being made in SA Quilters: Comfort. The group has reached its one-year anniversary and is going strong.
- Chris was elated at the response to her call for doggie block quilts for Flinders Kids. A quilt was donated which had a full dog in the blocks and Chris will prepare a pattern so that it can be made for Flinders Kids.



Lesley's doggie quilt



Bron combined cats and dogs

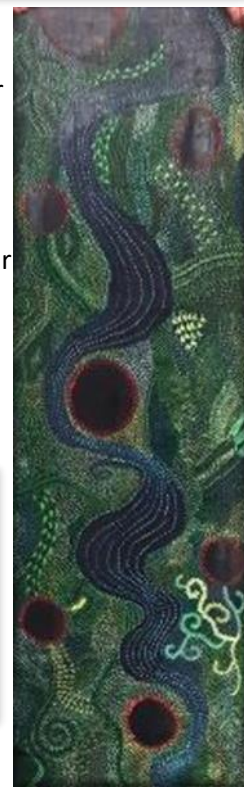
Sue was the only Show and Tell at a very busy meeting. She showed her quilt "*Gardner's Journal*" which she started in 2010. And she won the President's Encouragement Award.



We were privileged to have Judy Coates Perez as our guest speaker at the meeting. Judy is visiting Australia from the United States to tutor at Quilt. We were fascinated by her life story and her quilting journey. She showed us some examples of her beautiful stitching work which she will be teaching at Quilt Encounter.



Judy with Joyce who looked after her while in Adelaide



Widebacks was the shop at the SA Quilters meeting and what a selection of fabulous fabrics and products on display! Thanks so much to Brenda and her team for making the effort to support SA Quilters and for providing raffle prizes for seven lucky winners.

Brenda treated us to a Show and Tell of beautiful quilts made from patterns and/or kits available at the shop.



Brenda and Tracy



Monique and Jill tussle over a favourite pattern



# Sue Knuckey – Beginner's Sampler Quilt Workshop

## Day One – 2 September 2023

OMG this was a great workshop - everyone who attended loved it.... it was certainly a very informative Workshop.



There is no doubt about it Sue Knuckey is a wonderful Tutor – and we are so fortunate that we were able to spend the first day of our two-day workshop with her.

Thank you to all the students who enrolled in this fabulous Workshop – we had some new SA Quilters members, some first-time workshop attendees, some not so new members and two gorgeous junior members (with their Grandmas') in attendance at this fabulous workshop – and believe me everyone went home with a new piece of knowledge in their quilting journey.

Sue's preparation and attention to detail in the handout preparation was outstanding. The beginners (and new members) were very happy (I know some of them have been waiting quite some time for this workshop - the not so beginners were very happy and the juniors (our quilters of the future) were enthusiastic and simply fantastic. Yes, everyone who attended this workshop learnt something new.

Sue was so patient and helpful - she went to great lengths to make everyone feel included and at ease. It was all about enjoying what we all love to do; sew.



**Sue and Denise**

Everyone is now looking forward to 30 September 2023 for day two of the workshop - and hopefully everyone will have some of their homework done.

When everyone wasn't listening intently to Sue explaining and demonstrating the next step giving everyone tips, hints and clues – all you could hear was the hum of lots of sewing machines. Everyone was working so hard we had a power shortage!!!! Everyone nearly forgot to stop for lunch – they were so intent on getting their project done.

I am personally looking forward to seeing these quilts completed to see the finished results and whilst they will all be similar; they will all be so different so many gorgeous fabric variations.

To the amazing "Angels" at the workshops who provided the most amazing morning and afternoon tea – thank you to you all for volunteering your valuable time – workshops would not be the same without the helpers. Everyone loved having you there providing endless cups of tea and coffee along with lots of yummy food... ..

I know I continually say it but I am convinced people underestimate how valuable workshops are - there is always something new to be learnt no matter how experienced you are and really you never know until you give it a go.

### Workshops coming up –

- Saturday 16.09.2023 – Rachael Daisy – Grow Free Wildflowers
- Friday 22.09.2023 and Saturday 23.09.2023 – Judy Coates Perez – Slow Stitching
- Saturday 30.09.2023 – Sue Knuckey – "Beginners Sampler" Day Two
- Saturday 14.10.2023 Wendy Hunt – Needle turn Applique
- Saturday 11.11.2023 Jill Radcliffe – Kawandi Quilting

Please do not be disappointed by missing out on one of these wonderful workshops – if you haven't tried a workshop before – now is the time – please come along and learn something new – try something you have never done before – move out of your comfort zone - or simply come along and enjoy being with a group of likewise people doing what we all love – quilting.

**A day sewing is a good day....**

**Ros Wyatt**

**Workshop convenor**



**Peggy and Granddaughter Isla**



**June and Granddaughter Charlotte**



**Jackie, Diane and Sue**

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## **Community Quilt recipient Feedback**

We love receiving feedback from families who are the recipients of our community quilts, and this is another one that reminds us that when we gift our quilts they really do make a difference. Leah has granted permission for us to publish her email. I copied Faye and Lessa into my reply to Leah and Faye was able to provide some details as to which of our groups gifted the quilts to the Craniofacial unit. Thank you Hub Quilters!

*Hi there,*

*I just wanted to reach out and say thank you. My little girl received a care package from Clayton's Committee Quilters Guild SA from Craniofacial Australia last week and this beautiful quilt was in the package.*

*I saw on your website that Clayton's Committee has since disbanded but I did want to say thank you regardless.*

*My daughter is just on 5 months old and has craniosynostosis. She had her first surgery to help correct this 2 weeks ago and when we returned home from hospital, we had a care package waiting for us from Craniofacial Australia with this quilt inside.*

*It made me so emotional to know that someone took the time and effort to make this for my little girl and has been a huge source of comfort. This morning my daughter started looking at all the colours and pictures in the quilt and it was a huge source of entertainment for her.*

*I've attached a photo of Zoe with her gorgeous quilt.*

*Thank you so much for what you do.*

*Kind regards,*

*Leah*



*(Faye responded: Last year as part of Hub Quilters I quilted a heap of kids quilts made by Lessa and myself for the Craniofacial Unit. Each year Hub Quilters usually support a different charity. There was a call in I-Patch for quilts for the Craniofacial Unit. That was the reason the quilts went to them.)*

**Chris O'Brien**



A decorative poster for a quilt exhibition. It features a light pink background with a large, stylized rainbow in the top left corner, curving downwards. Several large, colorful flowers are scattered around the text: a red flower with a yellow center in the top right, a pink flower with a red center in the top right, a yellow flower with a pink center in the middle right, a yellow flower with a red center in the bottom left, and a pink flower with a yellow center in the bottom left. The text is arranged in a central column.

Broughton Rainbow  
Quilters Quilt Exhibition

# ***Floral Fest***

At the Port Broughton  
Community Hall

**Saturday 30th Sept 10am - 4pm**

**Sunday 1st Oct 10am - 4pm**

Admission: **\$5.00** U/15 free  
includes morning & afternoon tea

trading table, raffle & quilt shops:  
Quilting Quarters & Kadina Craft and  
Sewing Centre

Part proceeds to Pt Broughton District Hospital & The  
Royal Flying Doctor Service

# Patchworkers and Quilters Guild of Victoria Inc.

## Events of Interest

### Bay Quilters 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Quilt Show

Friday 22 **September** 10am to 5pm and Saturday 23 September 10am to 4pm.  
Beamaris Library Complex, 96 Reserve Road Beaumaris.

### Geelong Patchwork and Quilters Guild Members Exhibition 2023

Saturday 23 and Sunday 24 **September** 10am to 4pm. \$10 (pay at the door)

Geelong West Town Hall, 153 Pakington Street, Geelong West. <http://www.geelongpatch.org.au/> Includes: Opening reception (Sat 10.30am), Members exhibition, Traders, Raffle, Snuggly Quilts demo.

### AQA Australian Quilts in Public Places (AQIPP)

Entries due: Thursday 14 **September**

Exhibition: Friday 10 to Friday 22 **November**.

More information: [www.australianquiltersassociation](http://www.australianquiltersassociation)

Email: [judybell@bigpond.net](mailto:judybell@bigpond.net)

### Beyond the Stitch Art Quilt Exhibition

The Old Auction House, 52-56 Mollison St Kyneton.

Thurs 14 **September** to Mon 9 October. Free Entry.

Weekdays 9am to 5pm, Weekends 10am to 4pm.

### Kilmore Quilters Quilt In

Saturday 7 **October**, 10am to 4pm.

Kilmore Memorial Hall, 14 Sydney Road, Kilmore.

Contact: Wendy Bligh 0407 831 180

### Phillip Island Patchworkers Annual Quilt Display

Saturday 3 to Tuesday 7 **November** (Cup weekend).

10am to 4pm. Newhaven Hall, Phillip Island.



Call for Entries  
Australian Quilts in Public Places  
**AQIPP 2023**  
**"UNFOLDING"**  
10th November - 24th December 2023  
Whitehorse Artspace, Box Hill Town Hall  
1022 Whitehorse Rd. Box Hill, Melbourne

Quilters around Australia are invited to interpret the theme:  
**"UNFOLDING"**  
Something concealed, something revealed  
Entries Close 14th September 2023

Art Quilt Exhibition  
**"Beyond the Stitch"**

Three friends, Fran Batrouney, Leslie Edwards and Jann Haggart, each display their approaches to textile art.

September 14th to October 9th 2023

The Old Auction House  
52-56 Mollison St  
Kyneton

Open 7 Days  
M-F 9am-5pm  
Sat/Sun 10am-4pm  
Free entry



Bay Quilters  
**20th Anniversary Quilt Show**

Friday 22nd September 10am - 5pm  
Saturday 23rd September 10am - 4pm

Beaumaris Library Complex  
96 Reserve Road Beaumaris

Featuring a display of members quilts, stalls, and a raffle  
Admission: \$8



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April 11-14, 2024  
Royal Exhibition Building  
Carlton, Melbourne



# **Bordertown Gum Tree Quilters**



**present their  
2023 Exhibition**

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October – 10am to 5pm  
Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October – 10am to 5pm  
Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – 10am to 4pm**

**Basketball Stadium  
Naracoorte Road, Bordertown**

**Official opening on Friday at 1pm by  
Mayor Liz Goossens**

**Traders from South Australia & Victoria  
Food & drinks available**

**Raffle - 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (Quilt) + 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize**

**For further details please contact:**

**President - Pat Grocock 03 5393 9543  
Secretary - Beth Ortlepp 0408 849 545  
Assistant Sec. - Robyn Grocock 0408 812 172**

# Gawler Textile Art Weekend

Coordinated by Gawler Quilting Circle

14th & 15th October 2023

10am - 4pm Daily

*Featuring work from talented local people  
in separate exhibitions.*

## **Gawler Quilting Circle**

**Including Textile Group: "Inspired by Plonk"**

*Exhibition: "Spring Into Quilts"*

**Shops: The Quilting Room, Quilters Quarters & The Stitch Saloon**

*Featuring: The Potting Shed Café*

Gawler & Barossa Jockey Club - Barnet Road Evanston

## **SACWA**

29 Tod Street Gawler

## **Embroiderers Guild**

*"It Starts with a stitch"*

U-Care Hall 10 Tod Street Gawler

## **Kornacraft: Quilting Supplies**

*"Say It With Flowers"*

108 Murray Street Gawler

## **Zion Quilters : Country Fabric 'n' Things**

*"Our Quilting Journey"*

Zion Lutheran Hall - 22B Cowan Street, Gawler

**Exhibitions will have a small entrance fee**

**Refreshments available in some venues**

**and at local businesses**

**Wheelchair access at all venues**